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Dr. Kevin Taft
Leader, Alberta Liberal Party
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RE: Costing details of Alberta Liberal Party election platform

Dear Dr. Taft,

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is a non-partisan, non-profit, citizen-organization whose mission is to promote lower taxes, less waste and greater accountability at every level of government.

During this provincial election the CTF has been tracking the various spending promises made by each of the four main parties, and have posted each list on our website.

I've enclosed a copy of the list for the Alberta Liberal Party. To date, we've noted 40 such promises made by your party that we believe will require new spending to fulfil. You'll also note we were only able to find one of these commitments with which your party provided the cost, and three others in which the cost was implied or self-evident. The remaining 36 promises remain publicly un-costed.

We would request your party please provide the costs, both one-time and on-going, for each spending commitment you have made during this election, prior to the March 3rd vote.

We strongly believe taxpayers and voters have the right to know both the individual and broad fiscal implications of your spending promises.

Further, in lieu of your previous commitment to cap per capita spending at 2005-06 levels (Funding Alberta's Future, September 2006), we will be interested in knowing how your program spending commitments would impact Budget 2008.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hennig". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Scott Hennig
Alberta Director
Canadian Taxpayers Federation